



Generalized Fuzzy Soft Connected Sets in Generalized Fuzzy Soft Topological Spaces

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ABSTRACT

In this paper we introduce some types of generalized fuzzy soft separated sets and study some of their properties. Next, the notion of connectedness in fuzzy soft topological spaces due to Karata et al, Mahanta et al, and Kandil et al., extended to generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces. The relationship between these types of connectedness in generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces is investigated with the help of number of counter examples.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The concept of soft sets was first introduced by Molodtsov [16] as a general mathematical tool for dealing with uncertain objects. Cagman et al. [2], Shabir et al. [20] introduced soft topological space independently. Maji et al. [13] introduced the concept of fuzzy soft set and some of its properties. Tanay and Kandemir [21] introduced the definition of a fuzzy soft topology over a subset of the initial universe set. Later, Roy and Samanta [18] gave the definition of fuzzy soft topology over the initial universe set. Karal and Ahmed [8] defined the notion of a mapping on classes of fuzzy soft sets.

Majumdar and Samanta [14] introduced the notion of generalized fuzzy soft set as a generalization of fuzzy soft sets and studied some of its basic properties. Chakraborty and Mukherjee. [3] gave the topological structure of generalized fuzzy soft sets. Khedr et al. [9] introduced the concept of a generalized fuzzy soft point, a generalized fuzzy soft base (subbase), a generalized fuzzy soft subspace. Khedr et al. [10] introduced the concept of a generalized fuzzy soft mapping on families of generalized fuzzy soft sets.

The notion of connectedness in fuzzy topological spaces has been studied by Ming and Ming [15], Zheng Chong You [23], Fattah and Bassan [5], Saha [19], and Ajmal and Kohli [1]. In fuzzy soft setting, connectedness has been introduced by Mahanta et al. [12], Karata et al. [7] and Kandil et al. [6].

Khedr et al. [11] introduced the generalized fuzzy soft connectedness and generalized fuzzy soft C_i -connectedness ($i = 1,2,3,4$) in generalized fuzzy soft topological space and studied some of its basic properties.

In this paper, we extend the notion of connectedness of fuzzy soft topological spaces to generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces. In Section 3, we introduce different notions of generalized fuzzy soft separated sets and study the relationship between them. Section 4 is devoted to introduce the different notions of connectedness in generalized fuzzy soft topological spaces and study the implications that exist between them. Also, we study some characterizations of connectedness in generalized fuzzy soft setting.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we will give some basic definitions and theorems about generalized fuzzy soft sets, generalized fuzzy soft topology and generalized fuzzy soft continuous mappings which will be needed in the sequel.

Definition 2.1. [22] Let X be a non-empty set. A fuzzy set A in X is defined by a membership function $\mu_A: X \rightarrow [0,1]$ whose value $\mu_A(x)$ represents the "grade of membership" of x in A for $x \in X$. The set of all fuzzy sets in a set X is denoted by I^X , where I is the closed unit interval $[0,1]$.

Definition 2.2. [22] If $A, B \in I^X$, then, we have:

- (i) $A \leq B \Leftrightarrow \mu_A(x) \leq \mu_B(x), \forall x \in X;$
- (ii) $A = B \Leftrightarrow \mu_A(x) = \mu_B(x), \forall x \in X;$
- (iii) $C = A \vee B \Leftrightarrow \mu_C(x) = \max(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \forall x \in X;$
- (iv) $D = A \wedge B \Leftrightarrow \mu_D(x) = \min(\mu_A(x), \mu_B(x)), \forall x \in X;$
- (v) $E = A^c \Leftrightarrow \mu_E(x) = 1 - \mu_A(x), \forall x \in X.$



Definition 2.3. [16] Let X be an initial universe set and E be a set of parameters. Let $P(X)$ denotes the power set of X and $A \subseteq E$. A pair (f, A) is called a soft set over X if f is a mapping from A into $P(X)$, i.e., $f : A \rightarrow P(X)$. In other words, a soft set is a parameterized family of subsets of the set X . For $e \in A$, $f(e)$ may be considered as the set of e -approximate elements of the soft set (f, A) .

Definition 2.4. [18] Let X be an initial universe set and E be a set of parameters. Let $A \subseteq E$. A fuzzy soft set f_A over X is a mapping from E to I^X , i.e., $f_A : E \rightarrow I^X$, where $f_A(e) \neq \bar{0}$ if $e \in A \subseteq E$, and $f_A(e) = \bar{0}$ if $e \notin A$, where $\bar{0}$ denotes the empty fuzzy set in X .

Definition 2.5. [14] Let X be a universal set of elements and E be a universal set of parameters for X . Let $F : E \rightarrow I^X$ and μ be a fuzzy subset of E , i.e., $\mu : E \rightarrow I$. Let F_μ be the mapping $F_\mu : E \rightarrow I^X \times I$ defined as follows: $F_\mu(e) = (F(e), \mu(e))$, where $F(e) \in I^X$ and $\mu(e) \in I$. Then F_μ is called a generalised fuzzy soft set (GFSS in short) over (X, E) . The family of all generalized fuzzy soft sets over (X, E) is denoted by $GFSS(X, E)$.

Definition 2.6. [14] Let F_μ and G_δ be two GFSSs over (X, E) . F_μ is said to be a GFS subset of G_δ or G_δ is said to be a GFS super set of F_μ denoted by $F_\mu \subseteq G_\delta$ if

- (i) μ is a fuzzy subset of δ ;
- (ii) $F(e)$ is also a fuzzy subset of $G(e)$, $\forall e \in E$.

Definition 2.7. [14] Let F_μ be a GFSS over (X, E) . The generalized fuzzy soft complement of F_μ , denoted by F_μ^c , is defined by $F_\mu^c = G_\delta$, where $\delta(e) = \mu^c(e)$ and $G(e) = F^c(e)$, $\forall e \in E$.

Obviously $(F_\mu^c)^c = F_\mu$.

Definition 2.8. [3] Let F_μ and G_δ be two GFSSs over (X, E) . The generalized fuzzy soft union (GFS union, in short) of F_μ and G_δ , denoted by $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta$, is The GFSS H_ν , defined as $H_\nu : E \rightarrow I^X \times I$ such that

$$H_\nu(e) = (H(e), \nu(e)), \text{ where } H(e) = F(e) \vee G(e) \text{ and } \nu(e) = \mu(e) \vee \delta(e), \forall e \in E.$$

Let $\{(F_\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla\}$, where ∇ is an index set, be a family of GFSSs. The GFS union of these family, denoted by $\sqcup_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F_\mu)_\lambda$, is The GFSS H_ν , defined as $H_\nu : E \rightarrow I^X \times I$ such that $H_\nu(e) = (H(e), \nu(e))$, where $H(e) = \vee_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F(e))_\lambda$, and $\nu(e) = \vee_{\lambda \in \nabla} (\mu(e))_\lambda$, $\forall e \in E$.

Definition 2.9. [3] Let F_μ and G_δ be two GFSSs over (X, E) . The generalized fuzzy soft Intersection (GFS Intersection, in short) of F_μ and G_δ , denoted by $F_\mu \sqcap G_\delta$, is the GFSS M_σ , defined as $M_\sigma : E \rightarrow I^X \times I$ such that

$$M_\sigma(e) = (M(e), \sigma(e)), \text{ where } M(e) = F(e) \wedge G(e) \text{ and } \sigma(e) = \mu(e) \wedge \delta(e), \forall e \in E.$$

Let $\{(F_\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla\}$, where ∇ is an index set, be a family of GFSSs. The GFS Intersection of these family, denoted by $\sqcap_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F_\mu)_\lambda$, is the GFSS M_σ , defined as $M_\sigma : E \rightarrow I^X \times I$ such that $M_\sigma(e) = (M(e), \sigma(e))$, where $M(e) = \wedge_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F(e))_\lambda$, and $\sigma(e) = \wedge_{\lambda \in \nabla} (\mu(e))_\lambda$, $\forall e \in E$.

Theorem 2.1. [3] Let $\{(F_\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla\} \subseteq GFSS(X, E)$. Then the following statements hold,

$$[\sqcup_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F_\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla]^c = \sqcap_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F_\mu)_\lambda^c,$$

$$[\sqcap_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F_\mu)_\lambda, \lambda \in \nabla]^c = \sqcup_{\lambda \in \nabla} (F_\mu)_\lambda^c.$$



Definition 2.10. [14] A *GFSS* is said to be a generalized null fuzzy soft set, denoted by $\tilde{0}_\theta$, if $\tilde{0}_\theta : E \rightarrow I^X \times I$ such that $\tilde{0}_\theta(e) = (\tilde{0}(e), \theta(e))$ where $\tilde{0}(e) = \bar{0} \ \forall e \in E$ and $\theta(e) = 0 \ \forall e \in E$ (Where $\bar{0}(x) = 0, \forall x \in X$).

Definition 2.11. [14] A *GFSS* is said to be a generalized absolute fuzzy soft set, denoted by $\tilde{1}_\Delta$, if $\tilde{1}_\Delta : E \rightarrow I^X \times I$, where $\tilde{1}_\Delta(e) = (\tilde{1}(e), \Delta(e))$ is defined by $\tilde{1}(e) = \bar{1}, \forall e \in E$ and $\Delta(e) = 1, \forall e \in E$ (Where $\bar{1}(x) = 1, \forall x \in X$).

Definition 2.12. [3] Let T be a collection of generalized fuzzy soft sets over (X, E) . Then T is said to be a generalized fuzzy soft topology (*GFS* topology in short) over (X, E) if the following conditions are satisfied:

- (i) $\tilde{0}_\theta$ and $\tilde{1}_\Delta$ are in T ;
- (ii) Arbitrary *GFS* unions of members of T belong to T ;
- (iii) Finite *GFS* intersections of members of T belong to T .

The triple (X, T, E) is called a generalized fuzzy soft topological space (*GFST*-space in short) over (X, E) .

The members of T are called generalized fuzzy soft open sets [*GFS* open in short] in (X, T, E) .

Definition 2.13 [3] Let (X, T, E) be a *GFST* –space. A *GFSS* F_μ over (X, E) is said to be a generalized fuzzy soft closed set in X [*GFS* closed in short], if its complement F_μ^c is *GFS* open. The collection of all *GFS* closed sets will be denoted by T^c .

Definition 2.14. [3] Let (X, T, E) be a *GFST* –space and $F_\mu \in \text{GFSS}(X, E)$. The generalized fuzzy soft closure of F_μ , denoted by $cl(F_\mu)$, is the intersection of all *GFS* closed superset of F_μ , i.e., $cl(F_\mu) = \cap \{H_\nu : H_\nu \in T^c, F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu\}$. Clearly, $cl(F_\mu)$ is the smallest *GFS* closed set over (X, E) which contains F_μ .

Definition 2.15. [9] The generalized fuzzy soft set $F_\mu \in \text{GFS}(X, E)$ is called a generalized fuzzy soft point (*GFS* point in short) if there exist $e \in E$ and $x \in X$ such that

- (i) $F(e)(x) = \alpha$ ($0 < \alpha \leq 1$) and $F(e)(y) = 0$ for all $y \in X - \{x\}$,
- (ii) $\mu(e) = \lambda$ ($0 < \lambda \leq 1$) and $\mu(e') = 0$ for all $e' \in E - \{e\}$. We denote this generalized fuzzy soft point $F_\mu = (x_\alpha, e_\lambda)$.

(x, e) and (α, λ) are called respectively, the support and the value of (x_α, e_λ) .

Definition 2.16. [9] Let F_μ be a *GFSS* over (X, E) . We say that $(x_\alpha, e_\lambda) \tilde{\in} F_\mu$ read as (x_α, e_λ) belongs to the *GFSS* F_μ if for the element $e \in E$, $\alpha \leq F(e)(x)$ and $\lambda \leq \mu(e)$.

Definition 2.17. [17] For any two *GFSSs* F_μ and G_δ over (X, E) . F_μ is said to be a generalized fuzzy soft quasi-coincident with G_δ , denoted by $F_\mu q G_\delta$, if there exist $e \in E$ and $x \in X$ such that $F(e)(x) + G(e)(x) > 1$ and $\mu(e) + \delta(e) > 1$.

If F_μ is not generalized fuzzy soft quasi-coincident with G_δ , then we write $F_\mu \bar{q} G_\delta$, i.e., for every $e \in E$ and $x \in X$, $F(e)(x) + G(e)(x) \leq 1$ or for every $e \in E$ and $x \in X$, $\mu(e) + \delta(e) \leq 1$.

Definition 2.18. [17] Let (x_α, e_λ) be a *GFS* point and F_μ be a *GFSS* over (X, E) . (x_α, e_λ) is said to be generalized fuzzy soft quasi-coincident with F_μ , denoted by $(x_\alpha, e_\lambda) q F_\mu$, if and only if there exists an element $e \in E$ such that $\alpha + F(e)(x) > 1$ and $\lambda + \mu(e) > 1$.

Theorem 2.2. [17] Let F_μ and G_δ are *GFSSs* over (X, E) . Then the following are hold:



- (1) $F_\mu \sqsubseteq G_\delta \Leftrightarrow F_\mu \bar{q}(G_\delta)^c$;
- (2) $F_\mu q G_\delta \Rightarrow F_\mu \sqcap G_\delta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$;
- (3) $(x_\alpha, e_\lambda) \bar{q} F_\mu \Leftrightarrow (x_\alpha, e_\lambda) \tilde{\in} (F_\mu)^c$;
- (4) $F_\mu \bar{q} (F_\mu)^c$.

Definition 2.19. [10] Let $GFSS(X, E)$ and $GFSS(Y, K)$ be the families of all generalized fuzzy soft sets over (X, E) and (Y, K) , respectively. Let $u : X \rightarrow Y$ and $p : E \rightarrow K$ be two functions. Then a mapping $f_{up} : GFSS(X, E) \rightarrow GFSS(Y, K)$ is defined as follows: for a generalized fuzzy soft set $F_\mu \in GFSS(X, E)$, $\forall k \in p(E) \subseteq K$ and $y \in Y$,

$$f_{up}(F_\mu)(k)(y) = \begin{cases} (\bigvee_{x \in u^{-1}(y)} \bigvee_{e \in p^{-1}(k)} F(e)(x), \bigvee_{e \in p^{-1}(k)} \mu(e)) & \text{if } u^{-1}(y) \neq \varnothing, p^{-1}(k) \neq \varnothing, \\ (0, 0), & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

f_{up} is called a generalized fuzzy soft mapping [GFS mapping in short] and $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ is called a GFS image of a GFSS F_μ .

Definition 2.20. [10] Let $u : X \rightarrow Y$ and $p : E \rightarrow K$ be mappings. Let $f_{up} : GFSS(X, E) \rightarrow GFSS(Y, K)$ be a GFS mapping and $G_\delta \in GFSS(Y, K)$. Then, $f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta) \in GFSS(X, E)$, defined as follows:

$$f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta)(e)(x) = (G(p(e))(u(x)), \delta(p(e))), \text{ for } e \in E, x \in X.$$

$f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta)$ is called a GFS inverse image of G_δ .

If u and p are injective then the generalized fuzzy soft mapping f_{up} is said to be injective. If u and p are surjective then the generalized fuzzy soft mapping f_{up} is said to be surjective. The generalized fuzzy soft mapping f_{up} is called constant, if u and p are constant.

Definition 2.21. [10] Let (X, T_1, E) and (Y, T_2, K) be two GFST-spaces, and $f_{up} : (X, T_1, E) \rightarrow (Y, T_2, K)$ be a GFS mapping. Then f_{up} is called

- (1) generalized fuzzy soft continuous [GFS-continuous in short] if $f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta) \in T_1$ for all $G_\delta \in T_2$.
- (2) generalized fuzzy soft open [GFS open in short] if $f_{up}(F_\mu) \in T_2$ for each $F_\mu \in T_1$.

Definition 2.22. [11] Let (X, T, E) be a GFST-space and $F_\mu \in GFS(X, E)$. Then, F_μ is called

- i. $GFSC_1$ -connected if and only if it does not exist two non null GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\nu \sqcap K_\gamma \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$, $F_\mu \sqcap H_\nu \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $F_\mu \sqcap K_\gamma \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$.
- ii. $GFSC_2$ -connected if and only if it does not exist two non null GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $F_\mu \sqcap H_\nu \sqcap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$, $F_\mu \sqcap H_\nu \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $F_\mu \sqcap K_\gamma \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$.
- iii. $GFSC_3$ -connected if and only if it does not exist two non null GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\nu \sqcap K_\gamma \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$, $H_\nu \not\sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$ and $K_\gamma \not\sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$.
- iv. $GFSC_4$ -connected if and only if it does not exist two non null GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $F_\mu \sqcap H_\nu \sqcap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$, $H_\nu \not\sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$ and $K_\gamma \not\sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$.

Otherwise, F_μ is called not $GFSC_i$ -connected set for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$.



In the above definition, if we take $\tilde{1}_\Delta$ instead of F_μ , then the $GFST$ -space (X, T, E) is called $GFSC_i$ -connected space ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$).

Remark 2.1. [11] The relationship between $GFSC_i$ -connectedness ($i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) can be described by the following diagram:

$$GFSC_1 \Rightarrow GFSC_2$$

$$\Downarrow \qquad \Downarrow$$

$$GFSC_3 \Rightarrow GFSC_4$$

Remark 2.2. [11] The reverse implications is not true in general (see Examples 4.2, 4.3, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6 in [11]).

3 GENERALIZED FUZZY SOFT SEPARATED SETS IN GENERALIZED FUZZY SOFT TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

In this section, we will introduce different notions of generalized fuzzy soft separated sets and study the relation between these notions. Also, we will investigate the characterizations of the generalized fuzzy soft separated sets.

Definition 3.1. Two non-null $GFSS$ sets F_μ and G_δ in $GFST$ -space (X, T, E) are said to be generalized fuzzy soft Q –separated [$GFS Q$ –separated, in short] if $cl(F_\mu) \cap G_\delta = F_\mu \cap cl(G_\delta) = \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Theorem 3.1. Let (X, T, E) be a $GFST$ -space, F_μ and G_δ be two GFS closed sets in (X, E) . Then F_μ and G_δ are $GFS Q$ –separated sets if and only if $F_\mu \cap G_\delta = \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Proof. Suppose that F_μ and G_δ are $GFS Q$ –separated sets. Then $cl(F_\mu) \cap G_\delta = F_\mu \cap cl(G_\delta) = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Since F_μ and G_δ are GFS closed sets then, $F_\mu \cap G_\delta = \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Conversely, let $F_\mu \cap G_\delta = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Since F_μ and G_δ are GFS closed sets, then $cl(F_\mu) \cap G_\delta = F_\mu \cap G_\delta = \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $F_\mu \cap cl(G_\delta) = F_\mu \cap G_\delta = \tilde{0}_\theta$. It follows that, F_μ and G_δ are $GFS Q$ –separated sets.

Theorem 3.2. Let H_ν, K_γ be $GFS Q$ –separated sets of $GFST$ -space (X, T, E) and $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu, G_\delta \subseteq K_\gamma$. Then, F_μ, G_δ are $GFSQ$ –separated sets.

Proof. Let $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu$. Then, $cl(F_\mu) \subseteq cl(H_\nu)$. It follows that, $cl(F_\mu) \cap G_\delta \subseteq cl(F_\mu) \cap K_\gamma \subseteq cl(H_\nu) \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Also, since $G_\delta \subseteq K_\gamma$. Then, $cl(G_\delta) \subseteq cl(K_\gamma)$. Hence, $F_\mu \cap cl(G_\delta) \subseteq H_\nu \cap cl(K_\gamma) = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Thus F_μ, G_δ are $GFSQ$ –separated sets.

Definition 3.2. Two non- null $GFSS$ s F_μ and G_δ in $GFST$ -space (X, T, E) are said to be generalized fuzzy soft weakly separated [in short, GFS weakly separated] if $cl(F_\mu)\bar{q}G_\delta$ and $F_\mu\bar{q}cl(G_\delta)$.

Theorem 3.3. Let (X, T, E) be a $GFST$ -space and $F_\mu, G_\delta \in GFS(X, E)$. Then, F_μ and G_δ are GFS weakly separated sets if and only if there exist GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu, G_\delta \subseteq K_\gamma$, and $F_\mu\bar{q}K_\gamma$ and $G_\delta\bar{q}H_\nu$.

Proof. Let F_μ and G_δ are GFS weakly separated sets in (X, T, E) . Then $cl(F_\mu)\bar{q}G_\delta$ and $F_\mu\bar{q}cl(G_\delta)$. Therefore, $G_\delta \subseteq [cl(F_\mu)]^c$ and $F_\mu \subseteq [cl(G_\delta)]^c$. Taking $H_\nu = [cl(G_\delta)]^c$ and $K_\gamma = [cl(F_\mu)]^c$. Then, $H_\nu, K_\gamma \in T$, $F_\mu\bar{q}K_\gamma$ and $G_\delta\bar{q}H_\nu$. The converse is obvious.

Remark 3.1. From Definitions 3.1, 3.2 if F_μ and G_δ are $GFS Q$ –separated sets, then F_μ and G_δ are GFS weakly separated sets.



Remark 3.2. Two *GFS* weakly separated sets may not be *GFS Q* –separated as shown by the following example.

Example 3.1. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.3}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.4), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.5}, \frac{x_2}{0.3}\}, 0.6)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) . If $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, 0.2\})\}$ and $G_\delta = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.1}\}, 0.3)\}$. Then F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* weakly separated sets, but F_μ and G_δ are not *GFS Q* –separated.

Definition 3.3. Two non- null *GFSSs* F_μ and G_δ in *GFST*-space (X, T, E) are said to be generalized fuzzy soft separated [in short, *GFS* separated] if there exist *GFS* open sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu$, $G_\delta \sqsubseteq K_\gamma$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma = G_\delta \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Remark 3.3. Two *GFS* separated sets are *GFS* weakly separated sets.

Proof. From Definitions 3.3 and Theorem 3.3 it follows that.

Remark 3.4. Two *GFS* weakly separated sets may not be *GFS* separated. In fact, F_μ and G_δ defined in Example 3.1, are *GFS* weakly separated, but not *GFS* separated.

Remark 3.5. The notions of *GFS* separated sets and *GFS Q* –separated are independent to each others as shown by the following example.

Example 3.2. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.5}\}, 0.3)\}, K_\gamma = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.5}\}, 0.3)\}, H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) .

If $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}\}, 0.1)\}$ and $G_\delta = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.1)\}$. Then there exist *GFS* open sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu$, $G_\delta \sqsubseteq K_\gamma$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma = G_\delta \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$. So, F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* separated sets.

But F_μ and G_δ are not *GFS Q* –separated. Since, $cl(F_\mu) = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.5}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 0.7), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{0.5}\}, 0.7)\}$ and $cl(F_\mu) \cap G_\delta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Example 3.3. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.3}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.4), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.3)\},$

$\{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.3}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.4), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.3)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}\}, 0.3)\}$ and $G_\delta = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.3}\}, 0.2)\}$. Then F_μ and G_δ are *GFS Q* –separated sets, but not *GFS* separated.

Definition 3.4. Let $F_\mu \in GFS(X, E)$. The generalized fuzzy soft support (in short, *GFS* support) of F_μ defined by $S(F_\mu)$ is the set, $S(F_\mu) = \{x \in X, e \in E: F(e)(x) > 0 \text{ and } \mu(e) > 0\}$.

Definition 3.5. Two non- null *GFSSs* F_μ and G_δ are said to be *GFS* quasi-coincident with respect to F_μ if $F(e)(x) + G(e)(x) > 1$ and $\mu(e) + \delta(e) > 1$ for every $x, e \in S(F_\mu)$.

Definition 3.6. Two non- null *GFSSs* F_μ and G_δ in a *GFST* –space (X, T, E) are said to be generalized fuzzy soft strongly separated [in short, *GFS* strongly separated] if there exist *GFS* open sets H_ν and K_γ such that

- i. $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu$, $G_\delta \sqsubseteq K_\gamma$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma = G_\delta \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$,
- ii. F_μ and H_ν are *GFS* quasi-coincident with respect to F_μ ,
- iii. G_δ and K_γ are *GFS* quasi-coincident with respect to G_δ .



Remark 3.6. From Definitions 3.3 and Remark 3.3 if F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* strongly separated, then F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* separated and *GFS* weakly separated.

Remark 3.7. Two *GFS* separated sets may not be *GFS* strongly separated as shown by the following example.

Example 3.4. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.3}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.3)\}, \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.4)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.3}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.3), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.4)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) . If $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}\}, 0.2)\}$ and $G_\delta = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.3)\}$. Then F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* separated sets, but not *GFS* strongly separated.

Remark 3.8. The notions of *GFS* Q –separated and *GFS* strongly separated are independent to each others as shown by the following example:

Example 3.5. In Example 3.3, F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* Q –separated sets, but not *GFS* strongly separated.

Example 3.6. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.8)\}, \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.7}\}, 0.6)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.8), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.7}\}, 0.6)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.5}\}, 0.6)\}$ and $G_\delta = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.5)\}$. Then F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* strongly separated, but not *GFS* Q –separated.

Remark 3.9. In *GFST* –space (X, T, E) the relationship between different notions of generalized fuzzy soft separated sets can be described by the following diagram.

GFS strongly separated

\Downarrow

GFS separated

\Downarrow

GFS Q – separated \Rightarrow *GFS* weakly separated

Theorem 3.4. Let F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* Q –separated (respectively, separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) sets in (X, E) and $H_\nu \sqsubseteq F_\mu, K_\gamma \sqsubseteq G_\delta$. Then, H_ν and K_γ are *GFS* Q –separated (respectively, separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) sets in (X, E) .

Proof. As a sample, we will prove the case *GFS* Q –separated. Let F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* Q –separated in (X, E) . Then, $cl(F_\mu) \cap G_\delta = F_\mu \cap cl(G_\delta) = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Since $H_\nu \sqsubseteq F_\mu, K_\gamma \sqsubseteq G_\delta$, then

$$cl(H_\nu) \cap K_\gamma = H_\nu \cap cl(K_\gamma) = \tilde{0}_\theta, \text{ therefore, } H_\nu \text{ and } G_\delta \text{ are } GFS \text{ } Q \text{ –separated set in } (X, E).$$

Theorem 3.5. Let (X, T, E) be a *GFST* –space and $F_\mu, G_\delta \in GFS(X, E)$. Then, F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* Q –separated in (X, E) if and only if there exist *GFS* closed sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu, G_\delta \sqsubseteq K_\gamma$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma = G_\delta \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Proof. Let F_μ and G_δ are *GFS* Q –separated in (X, E) . Then, $cl(F_\mu) \cap G_\delta = F_\mu \cap cl(G_\delta) = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Taking $H_\nu = cl(F_\mu)$ and $K_\gamma = cl(G_\delta)$. Therefore, H_ν and K_γ are *GFS* closed sets in (X, E) such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu, G_\delta \sqsubseteq K_\gamma$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma = G_\delta \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$. The converse is obvious.



Definition 3.7. Let (X, T, E) be a *GFST* –space over (X, E) and G_δ be *GFS* subset of (X, E) . Then $T_{G_\delta} = \{G_\delta \cap F_\mu : F_\mu \in T\}$ is called a *GFS* relative topology and $(G_\delta, T_{G_\delta}, E)$ is called a *GFS* subspace of (X, T, E) . If $G_\delta \in T$ (resp, $G_\delta \in T^c$) then $(G_\delta, T_{G_\delta}, E)$ is called generalized fuzzy soft open (resp. closed) subspace of (X, T, E) .

Theorem 3.6. Let (X, T, E) be a *GFST* –space and $G_\delta \subseteq F_\mu \in GFSS(X, E)$. Then, $cl_{F_\mu}(G_\delta) = cl(G_\delta) \cap F_\mu$. Where $cl_{F_\mu}(G_\delta)$ denotes the *GFS* closure in the *GFS* subspace (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) .

Proof. We know $cl(G_\delta)$ is *GFS* closed set in $(X, T, E) \Rightarrow cl(G_\delta) \cap F_\mu$ is *GFS* closed set in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) .

Now, $G_\delta \subseteq cl(G_\delta) \cap F_\mu$ and *GFS* closure of G_δ in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) is the smallest *GFS* closed set containing G_δ , so, *GFS* closure of G_δ in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) is contained in $cl(G_\delta) \cap F_\mu$ i.e., $cl_{F_\mu}(G_\delta) \subseteq cl(G_\delta) \cap F_\mu$.

Conversely,

let $cl_{F_\mu}(G_\delta)$ be a *GFS* closure of G_δ in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) . Since, $cl_{F_\mu}(G_\delta)$ is *GFS* closed set in $(F_\mu, T_{F_\mu}, E) \Rightarrow cl_{F_\mu}(G_\delta) = K_\gamma \cap F_\mu$ where K_γ is *GFS* closed set in (X, T, E) . Then, K_γ is *GFS* closed set containing $G_\delta \Rightarrow cl(G_\delta) \subseteq K_\gamma \Rightarrow cl(G_\delta) \cap F_\mu \subseteq K_\gamma \cap F_\mu \subseteq cl_{F_\mu}(G_\delta)$.

Theorem 3.7. Let (X, T, E) be a *GFST* –space and $G_\delta \subseteq F_\mu \in GFSS(X, E)$. If H_ν and K_γ are *GFS* separated (respectively, Q –separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) , then H_ν and K_γ are *GFS* separated (respectively, Q –separated, strongly separated, weakly separated) in $(G_\delta, T_{G_\delta}, E)$.

Proof. As a sample, we will prove the case *GFS* weakly separated. Let H_ν and K_γ be *GFS* weakly separated sets in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) . Then, $cl_{F_\mu}(H_\nu) \bar{q} K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \bar{q} cl_{F_\mu}(K_\gamma)$. Since, $G_\delta \subseteq F_\mu$. Then, $cl_{G_\delta}(H_\nu) = cl_{F_\mu}(H_\nu) \cap G_\delta \subseteq cl_{F_\mu}(H_\nu)$ and $cl_{G_\delta}(K_\gamma) = cl_{F_\mu}(K_\gamma) \cap G_\delta \subseteq cl_{F_\mu}(K_\gamma)$. Therefore, $cl_{G_\delta}(H_\nu) \bar{q} K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \bar{q} cl_{G_\delta}(K_\gamma)$. Thus, H_ν and K_γ be *GFS* weakly separated in $(G_\delta, T_{G_\delta}, E)$.

Remark 3.10. The converse of Theorem 3.6 is not true in general as shown by the following example:

Example 3.7. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $T^0 = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta\}$ be the *GFS* indiscrete topology over (X, E) .

If $H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.1)\} \subseteq F_\mu$, $K_\gamma = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.3}\}, 0.2)\} \subseteq F_\mu$, where

$F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.1), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.3}\}, 0.2)\}$. Then, H_ν and K_γ are *GFS* weakly separated sets in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) but H_ν and K_γ are not *GFS* weakly separated sets in (X, T, E) .

4 GENERALIZED FUZZY SOFT CONNECTED SETS IN GENERALIZED FUZZY SOFT TOPOLOGICAL SPACES

In this section, we introduce different notions of connectedness of *GFSSs* and study the relation between these notions. Also, we will investigate the characterizations of the generalized fuzzy soft connected sets.

Definition 4.1. A *GFSS* F_μ in a *GFST*-space (X, T, E) is called *GFS* Q –connected set if there does not two non-null *GFS* Q –separated sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. Otherwise, F_μ is called not *GFS* Q –connected set.

Definition 4.2. A *GFSS* F_μ in a *GFST*-space (X, T, E) is called *GFS* weakly–connected set if there does not two non-null *GFS* weakly separated sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. Otherwise, F_μ is called not *GFS* weakly–connected set.

Definition 4.3. A *GFSS* F_μ in a *GFST*-space (X, T, E) is called *GFS* s –connected (respectively, *GFS* strongly–connected) set if there does not two non-null *GFS* separated (respectively, not strongly separated)



sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. Otherwise, F_μ is called not *GFS s*–connected (respectively, *GFS strongly*–connected) set.

Definition A *GFSS* F_μ in a *GFST*-space (X, T, E) is called generalized fuzzy soft clopen set (*GFS clopen set*, in short) if $F_\mu, F_\mu^c \in T$.

Definition 4.4. A *GFSS* F_μ in a *GFST*-space (X, T, E) is called *GFS clopen*–connected set in (X, E) if there does not exist any non-null proper *GFS clopen* set in (F_μ, T_{F_μ}, E) .

In the above definitions, if we take $\tilde{1}_\Delta$ instead of F_μ , then the *GFST*-space (X, T, E) is called *GFS Q* – connected (respectively, *GFS weakly*–connected, *GFS s* –connected, *GFS strongly*–connected, *GFS clopen*–connected) space.

Theorem 4.1. The *GFS* –weakly connected set in (X, E) is a *GFS Q* –connected.

Proof. Let F_μ be a *GFS* –weakly connected set in (X, E) . Suppose F_μ is not a *GFS Q* –connected. Then, there exist two non-null *GFS Q* –separated sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. By Remark 3.1, H_ν and K_γ are non-null *GFS weakly* separated sets in (X, E) such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. Therefore, F_μ is not a *GFS* –weakly connected set in (X, E) , a contradiction. Hence, F_μ is a *GFS Q* –connected.

Remark 4.1. A *GFS Q* –connected set may not be *GFS weakly*–connected as shown by the following example.

Example 4.1. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and $T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.3}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.3), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.5}, \frac{x_2}{0.3}\}, 0.4)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{0.1}\}, 0.3)\}$. Then there exist $H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}\}, 0.2)\}$ and $K_\gamma = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.1}\}, 0.3)\}$ such that $cl(H_\nu) \bar{q} K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \bar{q} cl(K_\gamma)$, $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. So, F_μ is not a *GFS weakly*–connected. If we take $M_\psi = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.1}, \frac{x_2}{\beta}\}, \lambda)\}$, $N_\eta = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{\alpha}, \frac{x_2}{0.1}\}, 0.3)\}$ where $\alpha, \beta \leq 0.1$ and $\lambda \leq 0.3$. Then $cl(M_\psi) \cap N_\eta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $M_\psi \cap cl(N_\eta) \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$. Therefore, M_ψ and N_η are not *GFS Q* separated sets. Hence, F_μ is a *GFS Q* –connected.

Theorem 4.2. A *GFSC*₁ –connected set in (X, E) is *GFS weakly*–connected.

Proof. Let F_μ be a *GFSC*₁ –connected set in (X, E) . Suppose F_μ is not *GFS weakly*–connected. Then, there exist two non-null *GFS weakly* separated sets H_ν and K_γ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. By Theorem 3.3, there exist *GFS* open sets M_ψ and N_η such that $H_\nu \subseteq M_\psi$, $K_\gamma \subseteq N_\eta$, $H_\nu \bar{q} N_\eta$ and $M_\psi \bar{q} K_\gamma$. Then, $F_\mu \subseteq M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$. Also, $F_\mu \cap M_\psi \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$. For, if $F_\mu \cap M_\psi = \tilde{0}_\theta$, then $F_\mu \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$ so that $H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$ (since $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$ implies that $H_\nu \subseteq F_\mu$), which contradiction that H_ν is a non-null. Similarly, $F_\mu \cap N_\eta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Also, $M_\psi \cap N_\eta \subseteq (F_\mu)^c$. For, if $M_\psi \cap N_\eta \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$, then there exist $x \in X, e \in E$ such that

$$M(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x), \psi(e) > 1 - \mu(e) \text{ and } N(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x), \eta(e) > 1 - \mu(e).$$

This means $M(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1$, $\psi(e) + \mu(e) > 1$ and $N(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1$, $\eta(e) + \mu(e) > 1$. Since, $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, then $M(e)(x) + H(e)(x) > 1$, $\psi(e) + \nu(e) > 1$ or $M(e)(x) + K(e)(x) > 1$, $\psi(e) + \gamma(e) > 1$ and

$N(e)(x) + H(e)(x) > 1$, $\eta(e) + \nu(e) > 1$ or $N(e)(x) + K(e)(x) > 1$, $\eta(e) + \gamma(e) > 1$. Hence, $(M_\psi q H_\nu$ or $M_\psi q K_\gamma)$ and $(N_\eta q H_\nu$ or $N_\eta q K_\gamma)$. This a contradiction. So, F_μ is a *GFS weakly*–connected .

Remark 4.2. The *GFS weakly*–connected set may not be a *GFSC*₁ –connected as shown by the following example.

Example 4.2. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1\}$ and $T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}, \frac{x_2}{0.6}\}, 0.6)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.3}\}, 0.1)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) and $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.4}, \frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.5)\}$. Then, there exist two *GFS* open sets $H_\nu = \{(e_1 =$



$\{\frac{x_1}{0.7}, \frac{x_2}{0.8}\}, 0.6)\}$ and $K_\gamma = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.3}\}, 0.1)\}$ such that $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq F_\mu^c$, $F_\mu \cap H_\nu \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$. So, F_μ is not a $GFSC_1$ -connected. If we take $M_\psi = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.4}, \frac{x_2}{\beta}\}, \lambda)\}$, $N_\eta = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{\alpha}, \frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.5)\}$ where $\alpha, \beta \leq 0.4$ and $\lambda \leq 0.5$. Then $cl(M_\psi)qN_\eta$ and $M_\psi qcl(N_\eta)$. Therefore, M_ψ and N_η are not GFS weakly separated sets. Hence, F_μ is a GFS weakly-connected.

Theorem 4.3. A GFS weakly-connected set in (X, E) is $GFSC_2$ -connected.

Proof. Let F_μ be a GFS weakly-connected set in (X, E) . Suppose F_μ is not $GFSC_2$ -connected. Then, there exist H_ν and $K_\gamma \in T$ such that $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $F_\mu \cap H_\nu \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$, $F_\mu \cap H_\nu \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$. Then, $F_\mu = M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$ where $M_\psi = F_\mu \cap H_\nu \subseteq H_\nu$ and $N_\eta = F_\mu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq K_\gamma$. Since $F_\mu \cap H_\nu \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $M_\psi \subseteq H_\nu$, then $F_\mu \cap M_\psi \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Also, since $M_\psi \subseteq F_\mu$, then $M_\psi \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Therefore, $M_\psi \bar{q}K_\gamma$. Similarly, $N_\eta \bar{q}H_\nu$. Hence, F_μ is not a GFS weakly-connected. This complete the proof.

Theorem 4.4. A GFS weakly-connected set in (X, E) is $GFSC_3$ -connected.

Proof. Let F_μ be a The GFS weakly-connected set in (X, E) . Suppose F_μ is not $GFSC_3$ -connected. Then, there exist H_ν and $K_\gamma \in T$ such that $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq F_\mu^c$, $H_\nu \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$ and $K_\gamma \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$. Then, $F_\mu = M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$ where $M_\psi = F_\mu \cap H_\nu \subseteq H_\nu$ and $N_\eta = F_\mu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq K_\gamma$. Let J_σ and $L_\rho \in GFS(X, E)$ defined by:

$$J_\sigma = \begin{cases} M_\psi, & H_\nu \supseteq K_\gamma, \\ \tilde{0}_\theta, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$L_\rho = \begin{cases} N_\eta, & K_\gamma \supseteq H_\nu, \\ \tilde{0}_\theta, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

Then $F_\mu = J_\sigma \sqcup L_\rho$.

Now, $J(e)(x) \neq 0$, $\sigma(e) \neq 0$. For, $J(e)(x) = 0$, $\sigma(e) = 0$. Since, $H_\nu \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$, then there exist $x \in X, e \in E$ such that $H(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1$, $\nu(e) + \mu(e) > 1$. Then, $H(e)(x) > K(e)(x)$, $\nu(e) > \gamma(e)$. For, $H(e)(x) \leq K(e)(x)$, $\nu(e) \leq \gamma(e)$ implies $K(e)(x) + F(e)(x) > 1$, $\gamma(e) + \mu(e) > 1$ and hence $(H_\nu \cap K_\gamma)(e)(x) > 1 - F_\mu(e)(x)$ i.e., $H(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x)$, $\nu(e) > 1 - \mu(e)$ and $K(e)(x) > 1 - F(e)(x)$, $\gamma(e) > 1 - \mu(e)$ this is a contradiction with $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq F_\mu^c$. So, $J(e)(x) \neq 0$, $\sigma(e) \neq 0$. Similarly, $L(e)(x) \neq 0$, $\rho(e) \neq 0$. Also, $J_\sigma \subseteq M_\psi \subseteq H_\nu$ and $L_\rho \subseteq N_\eta \subseteq K_\gamma$. Now, $J_\sigma \bar{q}K_\gamma$. For, if $J_\sigma qK_\gamma$, then there exist $x \in X, e \in E$ such that $J(e)(x) + K(e)(x) > 1$, $\sigma(e) + \gamma(e) > 1$ and hence $J(e)(x) > 0$, $\sigma(e) > 0$. This means $H(e)(x) \geq K(e)(x)$, $\nu(e) \leq \gamma(e)$ and so $F(e)(x) = M(e)(x)$, $\mu(e) = \psi(e)$ implying $F(e)(x) + H(e)(x) > 1$, $\mu(e) + \nu(e) > 1$ and thus $(H_\nu \cap K_\gamma)(e)(x) > 1 - F_\mu(e)(x)$ which is a contradiction with $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq F_\mu^c$. Similarly, $L_\rho \bar{q}H_\nu$. Thus, J_σ and L_ρ are GFS weakly separated and $F_\mu = J_\sigma \sqcup L_\rho$. So, F_μ is not a GFS weakly-connected. This a contradiction. Then F_μ is a $GFSC_3$ -connected.

Remark 4.3. The $GFSC_3$ -connected set (respectively, $GFSC_2$ -connected) may not be a GFS weakly-connected as shown by the following example.

Example 4.3. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/3}, \frac{x_2}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/3}, \frac{x_2}{2/3}\}, 2/3)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/3}, \frac{x_2}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/3}, \frac{x_2}{2/3}\}, 2/3)\}\}$ be a GFS topology over (X, E) and $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/3}, \frac{x_2}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\}$. Then, F_μ is $GFSC_3$ -connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ -connected). But F_μ is not a GFS weakly-connected as there exist GFS weakly separated sets $H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\}$, $K_\gamma = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_2}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\}$ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$.

Theorem 4.5. The $GFSC_3$ -connected set in (X, E) is a $GFS Q$ -connected.



Proof. Let F_μ be a $GFSC_3$ –connected set in (X, E) . Suppose F_μ is not $GFS Q$ –connected. Then, there exist two non-null $GFS Q$ –separated sets H_γ and K_γ such that $F_\mu = H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma$, $cl(H_\gamma) \cap K_\gamma = H_\gamma \cap cl(K_\gamma) = \tilde{0}_\theta$. This implies that $K_\gamma \subseteq [cl(H_\gamma)]^c$ and $H_\gamma \subseteq [cl(K_\gamma)]^c$. Let $M_\psi = [cl(H_\gamma)]^c$ and $N_\eta = [cl(K_\gamma)]^c$. Then, M_ψ and N_η are non- null GFS open sets such that $F_\mu \subseteq M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$. Now, $M_\psi \cap N_\eta = [cl(H_\gamma)]^c \cap [cl(K_\gamma)]^c = [cl(H_\gamma) \sqcup cl(K_\gamma)]^c = [cl(H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma)]^c \subseteq F_\mu^c$. Also, $M_\psi \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$. For, if $M_\psi \subseteq F_\mu^c$, then $F_\mu \subseteq M_\psi^c = cl(H_\gamma)$ which would imply $K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$ (since $cl(H_\gamma) \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$). This is a contradiction. Similarly, $N_\eta \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$. Therefore, F_μ is not $GFSC_3$ –connected. So, F_μ is $GFS Q$ –connected.

Remark 4.4. A $GFS Q$ –connected set may not be $GFSC_3$ –connected as shown by the following example.

Example 4.4. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.6}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.3)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.7}\}, 0.4)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.6}, \frac{x_2}{0.7}\}, 0.4)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.3)\}\}$, be a GFS topology over (X, E) and $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.6}, \frac{x_2}{0.7}\}, 0.4)\}$.

Then, there exist non- null GFS open sets $H_\gamma = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.6}, \frac{x_2}{0.2}\}, 0.3)\}$ and $K_\gamma = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.2}, \frac{x_2}{0.7}\}, 0.4)\}$ such that $F_\mu \subseteq H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\gamma \cap K_\gamma \subseteq F_\mu^c$, $H_\gamma \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$ and $K_\gamma \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$. So, F_μ is not $GFSC_3$ –connected. However, F_μ is $GFS Q$ –connected.

Theorem 4.6. A $GFSS F_\mu$ in (X, E) is $GFSC_2$ –connected if and only if F_μ is $GFS s$ –connected.

Proof. Let F_μ be a $GFSC_2$ –connected set in (X, E) . Suppose F_μ is not a $GFS s$ –connected. Then there exist non-null GFS separated sets H_γ and K_γ in (X, E) such that $F_\mu = H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma$. Then, there exist two non- null GFS open sets M_ψ and N_η such that $H_\gamma \subseteq M_\psi$, $K_\gamma \subseteq N_\eta$, and $H_\gamma \cap N_\eta = K_\gamma \cap M_\psi = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Then, $F_\mu \subseteq M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$.

Now, $F_\mu \cap M_\psi \cap N_\eta = (H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma) \cap M_\psi \cap N_\eta = (H_\gamma \cap M_\psi \cap N_\eta) \sqcup (K_\gamma \cap M_\psi \cap N_\eta) = \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $F_\mu \cap M_\psi = (H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma) \cap M_\psi = (H_\gamma \cap M_\psi) \sqcup (K_\gamma \cap M_\psi) = H_\gamma \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$. Similarly, $F_\mu \cap N_\eta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$. So, F_μ is not $GFSC_2$ –connected which is a contradiction.

Conversely, let F_μ be $GFS s$ –connected. Suppose that F_μ is not $GFSC_2$ –connected. Then there exist two non-null GFS open sets M_ψ and N_η such that $F_\mu \subseteq M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$, $F_\mu \cap M_\psi \cap N_\eta = \tilde{0}_\theta$, $F_\mu \cap M_\psi \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$, $F_\mu \cap N_\eta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$. Hence, $F_\mu = H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma$ where $H_\gamma = F_\mu \cap M_\psi \subseteq M_\psi$ and $K_\gamma = F_\mu \cap N_\eta \subseteq N_\eta$. Also, $K_\gamma \cap M_\psi = (F_\mu \cap N_\eta) \cap M_\psi = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Similarly, $H_\gamma \cap N_\eta = \tilde{0}_\theta$. So, F_μ is not $GFS s$ –connected and this complete the proof.

Theorem 4.7. The $GFSC_4$ –connected set in (X, E) is a GFS strongly–connected.

Proof. Let F_μ be a $GFSC_4$ –connected set in (X, E) . Suppose F_μ is not a GFS strongly–connected. Then there exist two non-null GFS strongly separated sets H_γ and K_γ in (X, E) such that $F_\mu = H_\gamma \sqcup K_\gamma$. So, there exist two non- null GFS open sets M_ψ and N_η such that

$$H_\gamma \subseteq M_\psi, K_\gamma \subseteq N_\eta, \text{ and } H_\gamma \cap N_\eta = K_\gamma \cap M_\psi = \tilde{0}_\theta,$$

H_γ and M_ψ GFS quasi-coincident with respect to H_γ , and K_γ and N_η GFS quasi-coincident with respect to K_γ .

Then, for every $x, e \in S(H_\gamma)$ we have $H(e)(x) + M(e)(x) > 1$ and $\nu(e) + \psi(e) > 1$ and for every $x, e \in S(K_\gamma)$ we have $K(e)(x) + N(e)(x) > 1$ and $\gamma(e) + \eta(e) > 1$. Then, $F_\mu \subseteq M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$. Also, $F_\mu \cap M_\psi \cap N_\eta = \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Again, $F(e)(x) + M(e)(x) > H(e)(x) + M(e)(x)$ and $\mu(e) + \psi(e) > \nu(e) + \psi(e)$ for every $x, e \in S(H_\gamma)$. Therefore, $M_\psi \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$. Similarly, $N_\eta \not\subseteq F_\mu^c$. Thus, F_μ is not a $GFSC_4$ –connected. This is a contradiction. So, F_μ is a GFS strongly–connected.



Remark 4.5. A *GFS* strongly-connected set may not be *GFSC*₄ –connected as shown by the following example.

Example 4.5. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}\}, 0.9)\}, \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.7}, \frac{x_3}{0.8}\}, 0.6)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}\}, 0.9), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.7}, \frac{x_3}{0.8}\}, 0.6)\}\}$, be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) .

Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}\}, 0.9), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.7}, \frac{x_3}{0.8}\}, 0.6)\}$ and $H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}\}, 0.9)\}$, $K_\gamma = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.7}, \frac{x_3}{0.8}\}, 0.6)\} \in T$.

Then, $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $F_\mu \cap H_\nu \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$, $H_\nu \not\sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$ and $K_\gamma \not\sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$. So, F_μ is not a *GFSC*₄ –connected. However, F_μ is *GFS* strongly-connected.

Remark 4.6. A *GFS* *Q* –connected set and *GFS* strongly-connected are independent concepts as shown by the following examples.

Example 4.6. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2, x_3\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.8}\}, 0.9)\}, \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.9}, \frac{x_3}{0.9}\}, 0.7)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.8}\}, 0.9), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.9}, \frac{x_3}{0.9}\}, 0.7)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.6}\}, 0.7), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.7}, \frac{x_3}{0.8}\}, 0.6)\}$.

Then, there exist two non-null *GFS* strongly separated $H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.6}\}, 0.7)\}$ and $K_\gamma = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.7}, \frac{x_3}{0.8}\}, 0.6)\}$ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. So, F_μ is not *GFS* strongly-connected. However, F_μ is *GFS* *Q* –connected as $cl(H_\nu) \cap K_\gamma \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and also $H_\nu \cap cl(K_\gamma) \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Example 4.7. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.4}\}, 0.4), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.4)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.4}\}, 0.4), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.4)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.4}\}, 0.4), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.4)\}$. Then, there exist non- null *GFS* *Q* –separated sets $H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.4}\}, 0.4)\}$ and $K_\gamma = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{0.4}\}, 0.4)\}$ such that $F_\mu = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. So, F_μ is not *GFS* *Q* –connected. However, F_μ is *GFS* strongly-connected as H_ν and K_γ are not *GFS* strongly separated.

Remark 4.7. A *GFSC*₂ –connected set may not be *GFS* *Q* –connected as shown by the following example.

Example 4.8. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/3}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1/3), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\},$

$\{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/3}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1/3), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\}\}$ be a *GFS* topology over (X, E) .

Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/3}\}, 2/3), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{2/3}\}, 2/3)\}$. Then, F_μ can be expressed as union of two non-null *GFS* *Q* –separated sets $H_\nu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/3}\}, 2/3)\}$ and $K_\gamma = \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{2/3}\}, 2/3)\}$. So, F_μ is not a *GFS* *Q* –connected. However, F_μ is a *GFSC*₂ –connected as if we take

$M_\psi = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/3}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1/3), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1)\}$ and $N_\eta = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1}\}, 1), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1/3}\}, 1/3)\} \in T$, then $F_\mu \sqsubseteq M_\psi \sqcup N_\eta$, but $F_\mu \cap M_\psi \cap N_\eta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$.

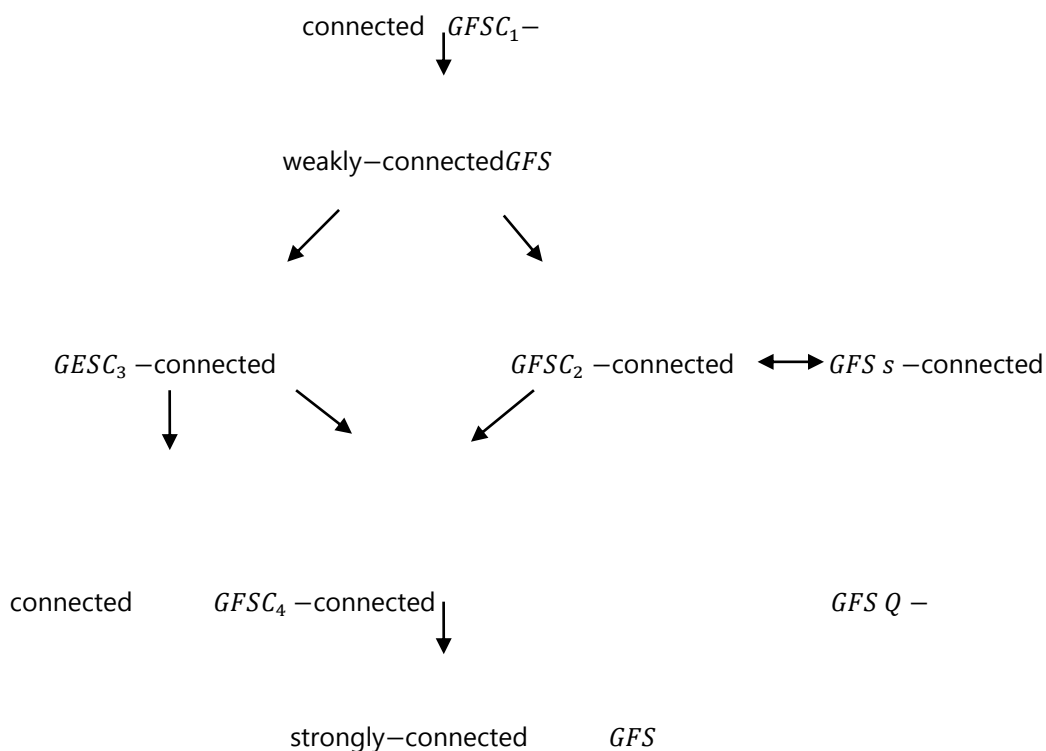


Remark 4.8. A GFS clopen-connected set may not be a GFS s -connected (respectively, GFS strongly-connected, GFS Q -connected, GFS weakly-connected, $GFSC_i$ -connected for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$). In fact, F_μ defined in Example 4.6 is a GFS clopen-connected, but it is not a GFS strongly-connected set and in Example 4.8 is a GFS clopen-connected, but it is not a GFS Q -connected set. Therefore, it is not a GFS s -connected, not a GFS weakly-connected set and not a $GFSC_i$ -connected set for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$.

Remark 4.9. A GFS s -connected (respectively, GFS strongly-connected, GFS Q -connected, GFS weakly-connected, $GFSC_i$ -connected for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$) set may not be GFS clopen-connected as shown by the following example.

Example 4.9. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1\}$ and $T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.3}\}, 0.3)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.5}, \frac{x_2}{0.6}\}, 0.5)\}\}$ be a GFS topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.7}\}, 0.7)\}$. Then, F_μ is a GFS s -connected, GFS strongly-connected, GFS Q -connected, GFS weakly-connected, $GFSC_i$ -connected for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$. But since $\{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{0.5}\}, 0.5)\}$ is a non-null proper clopen $GFSS$ in F_μ . So, F_μ is not a GFS clopen-connected.

Remark 4.10. In a $GFST$ -space (X, T, E) . The classes of GFS s -connected, GFS strongly-connected, GFS Q -connected, GFS weakly-connected, $GFSC_i$ -connected for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, can be described by the following diagram.



Theorem 4.8. Let (X, T_1, E) and (Y, T_2, K) be a $GFST$ -spaces and $f_{up}: (X, T_1, E) \rightarrow (Y, T_2, K)$ be a GFS -continuous bijective mapping. If F_μ is a $GFSC_i$ -connected (respectively, GFS s -connected, GFS strongly-connected, GFS weakly-connected, GFS clopen-connected) set in (X, E) for $i = 1, 2$, then $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ is a $GFSC_i$ -connected (respectively, GFS s -connected, GFS strongly-connected, GFS weakly-connected, GFS clopen-connected) set in (Y, K) for $i = 1, 2$.



Proof. The case of $GFSC_i$ –connected set ($i = 1,2$) previously proved (see Theorem 4.7 in [11]). Now, we will prove the case of GFS clopen–connected. Let F_μ be a GFS –clopen connected set in (X, E) . Suppose $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ is not a GFS clopen–connected set in (Y, K) . Then, $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ has non-null proper clopen GFS subset of J_σ . So, there exist $S_\varepsilon \in T_2$ and $L_\rho \in T_2^c$ such that $J_\sigma = f_{up}(F_\mu) \cap S_\varepsilon = f_{up}(F_\mu) \cap L_\rho$. Since, f_{up} is injective mapping, then $f_{up}^{-1}(J_\sigma) = F_\mu \cap f_{up}^{-1}(S_\varepsilon) = F_\mu \cap f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho)$. Also, since $S_\varepsilon \in T_2$ and $L_\rho \in T_2^c$ and f_{up} is a GFS - continuous mapping, then $f_{up}^{-1}(S_\varepsilon) \in T_1$ and $f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho) \in T_1^c$. Hence, $f_{up}^{-1}(J_\sigma)$ is non-null proper clopen GFS subset of F_μ which is a contradiction. Therefore, $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ is a GFS –clopen connected set in (Y, K) .

The cases of $GFSC_3$ –connected and $GFSC_4$ –connected sets we need to the GFS -continuous surjective mapping previously proved (see Theorem 4.8 in [11]).

Theorem 4.9. Let (X, T_1, E) and (Y, T_2, K) be a $GFST$ -spaces and $f_{up}: (X, T_1, E) \rightarrow (Y, T_2, K)$ be a GFS injective mapping. If F_μ is a GFS Q –connected set in (X, E) , then $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ is a GFS Q –connected set in (Y, K) .

Proof. Let F_μ be a GFS Q –connected set in (X, E) . Suppose $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ is not a GFS Q –connected set in (Y, K) . Then, there exist two non- null GFS Q separated sets J_σ and L_ρ in (X, E) such that

$$f_{up}(F_\mu) = J_\sigma \sqcup L_\rho, cl(J_\sigma) \cap L_\rho = J_\sigma \cap cl(L_\rho) = \tilde{0}_{\theta_Y}.$$

Since, f_{up} is injective mapping, then $f_{up}^{-1}(f_{up}(F_\mu)) = f_{up}^{-1}(J_\sigma) \sqcup f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho)$,

$$cl(f_{up}^{-1}(J_\sigma)) \cap f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho) \subseteq f_{up}^{-1}(cl(J_\sigma)) \cap f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho) = f_{up}^{-1}(cl(J_\sigma) \cap L_\rho) = f_{up}^{-1}(\tilde{0}_{\theta_Y}) = \tilde{0}_{\theta_X},$$

$$f_{up}^{-1}(J_\sigma) \cap cl(f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho)) \subseteq f_{up}^{-1}(J_\sigma \cap f_{up}^{-1}(cl(L_\rho))) = f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho \cap cl(L_\rho)) = f_{up}^{-1}(\tilde{0}_{\theta_Y}) = \tilde{0}_{\theta_X}.$$

This means that, $f_{up}^{-1}(J_\sigma)$, $f_{up}^{-1}(L_\rho)$ are GFS Q separated sets of F_μ in (X, E) , which is contradicts of the GFS Q –connectedness of F_μ in (X, E) . Therefore, $f_{up}(F_\mu)$ is a GFS Q –connected set in (Y, K) .

Theorem 4.9. Let (X, T_1, E) and (Y, T_2, K) be a $GFST$ -spaces and $f_{up}: (X, T_1, E) \rightarrow (Y, T_2, K)$ be a GFS - bijective open mapping. If G_δ is a $GFSC_i$ –connected(respectively, GFS s –connected, GFS strongly–connected, GFS Q –connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS clopen–connected) set in (Y, E) for $i = 1,2,3,4$, then $f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta)$ is a $GFSC_i$ –connected (respectively, GFS s –connected, GFS strongly–connected, GFS Q –connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS –clopen connected) set in (Y, E) for $i = 1,2,3,4$.

Proof. The case of $GFSC_i$ –connected set ($i = 1,2,3,4$) previously proved (see Theorem 4.13 in [11]). Now, we will prove the case of GFS s –connected. Let G_δ is a GFS s –connected set in (Y, K) . Suppose $f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta)$ is not a GFS s –connected set in (X, E) . Then, there exist two non- null GFS separated sets H_ν and K_γ in (X, E) such that $f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta) = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. Therefore, there exist two non- null GFS open sets M_ψ and N_η in (X, E) such that $H_\nu \subseteq M_\psi$ and $K_\gamma \subseteq N_\eta$ and $H_\nu \cap N_\eta = K_\gamma \cap M_\psi = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Since, f_{up} is a GFS surjective mapping, then $f_{up}(f_{up}^{-1}(G_\delta)) = G_\delta$ and so $G_\delta = f_{up}(H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma) = f_{up}(H_\nu) \sqcup f_{up}(K_\gamma)$. Since, f_{up} is a GFS open mapping, then $f_{up}(M_\psi)$ and $f_{up}(N_\eta)$ are non- null GFS open sets in (Y, K) such that $f_{up}(H_\nu) \subseteq f_{up}(M_\psi)$, $f_{up}(K_\gamma) \subseteq f_{up}(N_\eta)$. Since, f_{up} is a GFS injective mapping, then $f_{up}(H_\nu) \cap f_{up}(N_\eta) = f_{up}(H_\nu \cap N_\eta) = \tilde{0}_{\theta_Y}$ and $f_{up}(K_\gamma) \cap f_{up}(M_\psi) = \tilde{0}_{\theta_Y}$. It follows that G_δ is not a GFS s –connected set, a contradiction.

Theorem 4.10. If F_μ and G_δ are intersecting $GFSC_1$ –(respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, GFS s –connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS Q –connected, GFS strongly–connected) sets in (X, E) . Then, $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta$ is a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, GFS s –connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS Q –connected, GFS strongly–connected) set in (X, E) .



Proof. The cases of $GFSC_1$ –connected and $GFSC_2$ –connected sets is previously proved (see Theorem 4.9 in [11]). Now, we will prove the case of $GFS Q$ –connected sets. Let F_μ and G_δ are intersecting $GFS Q$ –connected sets in (X, E) . Suppose $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta$ is not a $GFS Q$ –connected set. Then, there exist two non- null $GFS Q$ –separated sets H_ν and K_γ in (X, E) such that $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta = H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$. Therefore, $F_\mu \cap H_\nu$, $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma$, $G_\delta \cap H_\nu$ and $G_\delta \cap K_\gamma$ are non- null $GFS Q$ –separated sets in (X, E) as subsets of H_ν and K_γ . Since, $F_\mu = (F_\mu \cap H_\nu) \sqcup (F_\mu \cap K_\gamma)$ and $G_\delta = (G_\delta \cap H_\nu) \sqcup (G_\delta \cap K_\gamma)$, then F_μ and G_δ are not $GFS Q$ –connected which is a contradiction.

Theorem 4.11. Let $\{(F_\mu)_i : i \in J\}$ be a family of a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, $GFS s$ –connected, GFS weakly–connected, $GFS Q$ –connected, GFS strongly–connected) sets in (X, E) such that for $i, j \in J$, the $GFSSs$ $(F_\mu)_i$ and $(F_\mu)_j$ are intersecting. Then, $F_\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$ is a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, $GFS s$ –connected, GFS weakly–connected, $GFS Q$ –connected, GFS strongly–connected) set in (X, E) .

Proof. The case of $GFSC_1$ –connected set previously proved (see Theorem 4.11 in [11]). Now, we will prove the case of $GFSC_2$ –connected set. Let $\{(F_\mu)_i : i \in J\}$ be family of $GFSC_2$ –connected sets in (X, E) . Suppose that F_μ is not a $GFSC_2$ –connected set in (X, E) . Then, there exist two GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ in (X, E) such that $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $F_\mu \cap H_\nu \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$, $F_\mu \cap H_\nu \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and $F_\mu \cap K_\gamma \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$.

Now, let $(F_\mu)_{i_0}$ be any $GFSS$ of the given family. Then, $(F_\mu)_{i_0} \subseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq (F_\mu)_{i_0}^c$. But, $(F_\mu)_{i_0}$ is a $GFSC_2$ –connected set. Hence, $(F_\mu)_{i_0} \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$ or $(F_\mu)_{i_0} \cap K_\gamma = \tilde{0}_\theta$. Now if $(F_\mu)_{i_0} \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$, we can prove that $(F_\mu)_i \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$ for each $i \in J - \{i_0\}$ and so $F_\mu \cap H_\nu = \tilde{0}_\theta$. This complete the proof.

Corollary 4.1. If $\{(F_\mu)_i : i \in J\}$ is a family of a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, $GFS s$ –connected, GFS weakly–connected, $GFS Q$ –connected, GFS strongly–connected) sets in X and $\bigcap_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$, then $F_\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$ is a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, $GFS s$ –connected, GFS weakly–connected, $GFS Q$ –connected, GFS strongly–connected) set in (X, E) .

The following examples show that Theorem 4.10 fails for $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected) spaces.

Example 4.11. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{4/5}, \frac{x_2}{2/5}\}, 4/5)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/5}, \frac{x_2}{4/5}\}, 2/5)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/5}, \frac{x_2}{2/5}\}, 2/5)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{4/5}, \frac{x_2}{4/5}\}, 4/5)\}\}$ be a GFS topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/5}, \frac{x_2}{2/5}\}, 1/5)\}$ and $G_\delta = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/5}, \frac{x_2}{1/5}\}, 2/5)\}$. Hence, $F_\mu \cap G_\delta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and F_μ and G_δ are $GFSC_3$ –connected sets in (X, E) , but $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta$ is not $GFSC_3$ –connected set in (X, E) .

Example 4.12. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \{\tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{3/5}, \frac{x_2}{2/5}\}, 2/5)\}, \{(e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/5}, \frac{x_2}{3/5}\}, 3/5)\}, \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{3/5}, \frac{x_2}{2/5}\}, 2/5), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/5}, \frac{x_2}{3/5}\}, 3/5)\}\}$ be a GFS topology over (X, E) . Let $F_\mu = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{3/5}\}, 2/5), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_1}{2/5}\}, 2/5)\}$ and $G_\delta = \{(e_1 = \{\frac{x_1}{1/5}, \frac{x_2}{2/5}\}, 1/5), (e_2 = \{\frac{x_2}{3/5}\}, 2/5)\}$. Hence, $F_\mu \cap G_\delta \neq \tilde{0}_\theta$ and F_μ and G_δ are $GFSC_4$ –connected sets in (X, E) , but $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta$ is not $GFSC_4$ –connected set in (X, E) .

Theorem 4.12. If F_μ and G_δ are GFS quasi-coincident $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected) sets in (X, E) , then $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta$ is a $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected) set in (X, E) .

Proof. As a sample, we will prove the case $GFSC_3$ –connected. Let F_μ and G_δ be GFS quasi-coincident $GFSC_3$ –connected sets in (X, E) . Suppose there exist two non-null GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ in (X, E) such that



$F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \sqsubseteq (F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta)^c$.
 $G_\delta)^c]$

(1) [we prove that $H_\nu \sqsubseteq (F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta)^c$ or $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq (F_\mu \sqcup$

Therefore, $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$, $G_\delta \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \sqsubseteq G_\delta^c$. Since, F_μ and G_δ are $GFSC_3$ –connected, then $(H_\nu \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$ or $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c)$ and $(H_\nu \sqsubseteq G_\delta^c$ or $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq G_\delta^c)$.

Moreover, since F_μ and G_δ are GFS quasi-coincident, there exist $x \in X, e \in E$ such that

$$F(e)(x) > 1 - G(e)(x) \text{ and } \mu(e) > 1 - \delta(e). \quad (2)$$

Now, consider the following cases:

case 1. Suppose $H_\nu \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$. Then, by (2) we have, $1 - H(e)(x) \geq F(e)(x) > 1 - G(e)(x)$ and $1 - \nu(e) \geq \mu(e) > 1 - \delta(e) \Rightarrow H(e)(x) < G(e)(x)$ and $\nu(e) < \delta(e)$. (3)

We claim that, $K_\gamma \not\sqsubseteq G_\delta^c$. For if not, then

$$K(e)(x) \leq 1 - G(e)(x) < F(e)(x) \text{ and } \gamma(e) \leq 1 - \delta(e) < \mu(e). \quad (4)$$

Now by (3) and (4), we have $H(e)(x) \vee K(e)(x) < F(e)(x) \vee G(e)(x)$ and $\nu(e) \vee \gamma(e) < \mu(e) \vee \delta(e)$ which implies $F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta \not\sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, this contradicts (1). Hence, $H_\nu \sqsubseteq G_\delta^c$. Therefore, $H_\nu \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c \cap G_\delta^c = (F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta)^c$.

case 2. Suppose $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$. Here, we can show as in Case 1 that $H_\nu \not\sqsubseteq G_\delta^c$. Therefore, $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq G_\delta^c$. Hence, $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq G_\delta^c$. Therefore, $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c \cap G_\delta^c = (F_\mu \sqcup G_\delta)^c$. This complete the proof.

Theorem 4.13. Let $\{(F_\mu)_i : i \in J\}$ be a family of $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected,) sets in (X, E) such that for $i, j \in J$, the $GFSS$ s $(F_\mu)_i$ and $(F_\mu)_j$ are GFS quasi-coincident. Then, $F_\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$ is a $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected) set in (X, E) .

Proof. Let $\{(F_\mu)_i : i \in J\}$ be family of $GFSC_3$ -connected sets in (X, E) . Suppose there exist two GFS open sets H_ν and K_γ in (X, E) such that $F_\mu \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \sqsubseteq F_\mu^c$. Let $(F_\mu)_{i_0}$ be any $GFSS$ of the given family. Then, $(F_\mu)_{i_0} \sqsubseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$, $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \sqsubseteq (F_\mu)_{i_0}^c$. Since, $(F_\mu)_{i_0}$ is a $GFSC_3$ -connected set, we have $H_\nu \sqsubseteq (F_\mu)_{i_0}^c$ or $K_\gamma \sqsubseteq (F_\mu)_{i_0}^c$. Now, the result follows in view of the facts that $(F_\mu)_{i_0} \sqsubseteq H_\nu^c$, then $(F_\mu)_i \sqsubseteq H_\nu^c$ for each $i \in J - \{i_0\}$, since $(F_\mu)_{i_0}$ and $(F_\mu)_i$ are GFS quasi-coincident $GFSC_3$ –connected sets, and $H_\nu \sqsubseteq [\cap_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i]^c = F_\mu^c$. Hence, F_μ is a $GFSC_3$ -connected. Similarly, if $\{(F_\mu)_i : i \in J\}$ is family of $GFSC_4$ -connected sets in (X, E) such that for $i, j \in J$, the $GFSS$ s $(F_\mu)_i$ and $(F_\mu)_j$ are GFS quasi-coincident, then, $F_\mu = \sqcup_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$ is a $GFSC_4$ –connected set in (X, E) . This complete the proof.

Corollary 4.2. Let $\{(F_\mu)_i : i \in J\}$ be a family of a $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected,) sets in (X, E) and (x_α, e_λ) be a GFS point such that $\alpha > \frac{1}{2}$, $\lambda > \frac{1}{2}$ and $(x_\alpha, e_\lambda) \in \cap_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$. Then $\sqcup_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$ is a $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected) set in (X, E) .

Proof. Since $(x_\alpha, e_\lambda) \in \cap_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$, then $(x_\alpha, e_\lambda) \in (F_\mu)_i$ for each $i \in J$. Therefore, $(F_\mu)_i$ and $(F_\mu)_j$ are GFS quasi-coincident for each $i, j \in J$. By Theorem 4.13, $\sqcup_{i \in J} (F_\mu)_i$ is a $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected) set in (X, E) .

Theorem 4.14. If F_μ is a $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected, GFS strongly–connected, $GFS Q$ –connected) set in (X, E) and $F_\mu \sqsubseteq G_\delta \sqsubseteq cl(F_\mu)$, then G_δ is also a $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected, GFS strongly–connected, $GFS Q$ –connected) set in (X, E) . In particular $cl(F_\mu)$ is $GFSC_3$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_4$ –connected, GFS strongly–connected, $GFS Q$ –connected) set in (X, E) .



Proof. As a sample, we will prove the case $GFSC_3$ –connected. Let H_ν and K_γ be GFS open sets in (X, E) such that $G_\delta \subseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq G_\delta^c$. Then, $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu \sqcup K_\gamma$ and $H_\nu \cap K_\gamma \subseteq F_\mu^c$. Since F_μ is a $GFSC_3$ –connected set, we have $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu^c$ or $F_\mu \subseteq K_\gamma^c$. But, if $F_\mu \subseteq H_\nu^c$, then $cl(F_\mu) \subseteq H_\nu^c$ and on the other hand, if $F_\mu \subseteq K_\gamma^c$, then $cl(F_\mu) \subseteq K_\gamma^c$. Therefore, $G_\delta \subseteq cl(F_\mu) \subseteq H_\nu^c$ or $G_\delta \subseteq cl(F_\mu) \subseteq K_\gamma^c$. Hence, G_δ is a $GFSC_3$ –connected set in (X, E) .

However, the above theorem fails in case of $GFSC_1$ –connectedness (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connectedness, GFS clopen–connectedness, GFS weakly–connectedness, GFS s –connectedness) which is a departure from general topology. The following example will illustrate that the closure of a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, GFS clopen–connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS s –connected) set need not be a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, GFS clopen–connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS s –connected).

Example 4.13. Let $X = \{x_1, x_2\}$, $E = \{e_1, e_2\}$ and

$T = \left\{ \tilde{0}_\theta, \tilde{1}_\Delta, \left\{ \left(e_1 = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1} \right\}, 1 \right) \right\}, \left\{ \left(e_2 = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{2/3}, \frac{x_2}{2/3} \right\}, 2/3 \right) \right\}, \left\{ \left(e_1 = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1} \right\}, 1 \right), \left(e_2 = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{2/3}, \frac{x_2}{2/3} \right\}, 2/3 \right) \right\} \right\}$ be a GFS topology over (X, E) .

Here, $F_\mu = \left\{ \left(e_1 = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1} \right\}, 1 \right) \right\}$ is a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, GFS clopen–connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS s –connected) set, but $cl(F_\mu) = \left\{ \left(e_1 = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{1}, \frac{x_2}{1} \right\}, 1 \right), \left(e_2 = \left\{ \frac{x_1}{1/3}, \frac{x_2}{1/3} \right\}, 1/3 \right) \right\}$ is not a $GFSC_1$ –connected (respectively, $GFSC_2$ –connected, GFS clopen–connected, GFS weakly–connected, GFS s –connected).

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